also for maintaining the road in a satisfactory condition for traffic, and if no amount will be provided, to give the reason?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) 3 miles.

(b) 7 culverts and 1 Irish drain.

(c) There is no amount allotted exclusively for the maintenance of this road.

(d) Funds permitting, all necessary works will be attended to.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The answer given is not an answer to my question.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The amount has not been allotted exclusively for this road.

The deterioration of the breed of cattle.

59. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(i) whether it is a fact that the breed of cattle in most of the localities has deteriorated ;

(ii) if so, what is the cause of it;

(iii) whether the Government know that want of good bulls in most areas is the reason for the deterioration ;

(iv) if so, will the Government be pleased to station good bulls at convenient centres for service at nominal cost;

(v) with this in view will the Government be pleased to import some bulls from Ongole to some of the breeding centres ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(i) Yes.

(ii) Farming is now mainly in the hands of the poor who cannot afford to find the means to improve their cattle.

(iii) The Government have recognized that want of good bulls is one of the causes for the deterioration.

(iv) The Government have stationed a few stud bulls at the Cocoanut Station and at the Central Farm. They are also giving grants for the maintenance of 6 stud bulls stationed in different places.

(v) The Government do not consider that there is any necessity for doing so. In the Government Farm there is a large number of Ongole and cross-bred bulls and bull calves intended for sale to ryots, who might be willing to purchase them for improving their cattle.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Government have stationed a few stud bulls at the Cocoanut Station and at the Central Farm.

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They are also giving grants for the maintenace of six stud bulls stationed in different places. May I know whether there is any such station in the Chittur Taluk for breeding of cattle?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is none in the Chittur Taluk.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know the other places where they are maintained?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is one in the Trichur Town, one in Pazhayannur and another in Cranganur.

President.—Have we not got one in Vyttila also? Try to give bulls for all the centres. There is none in Chittur. Can you not arrange one for Chittur?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The people of Chittur are rich, and they can afford to maintain bulls at their own expense.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The people in Chittur are rich, and their profession is agriculture; that is quite a different thing. The maintenance of a bull in the Chittur Taluk is quite essential.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is the duty of the rich people there to maintain stud bulls, and they can get grants from the Government under the rules framed for the purpose.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Agricultural Department is intended for the improvement of agriculture, and this benefit may be extended for the poor Chittur Taluk also.

President.—Is it your point that they should provide themselves with the means for the maintenance of stud bulls for breeding up cattle for their own purposes, and that the Government should not come to their rescue?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They can apply for grants from the Government. The Government gives them grant for maintaining stud bulls.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—This is the first time that I come to understand it. I have had no information whatsoever about the Government granting any charge or subsidy for keeping bulls.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It was published in the Gazette, and copies were circulated to Panchayats and Co operative Societies, and there was no request from anybody from the Chittur Taluk for stationing stud bulls there so far.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That does not mean that Government should neglect the Chittur Taluk.

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President.—If there is provision for grants, why should not people come forward for grants? I think the cattle is better in the Chittur Taluk than in any other place owing to its proximity to Pollachi and other places.

The free distribution of fruits in the Central Farm.

60. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention whether fruits are given free to any one from the Central Farm, and if the answer is in the affirmative, the names of those to whom fruits were given free in the last two years, how many fruits were given in each case, and what is the reason for making such free distribution?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

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